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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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RESEARCH ON INDIAN HERBS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Western Countries have been conducting extensive research on Indian herbs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Herbal Industries are awaiting a decision from World Health Organisation for manufacturing of certain drugs;

(d) if so, whether such a permission from WHO is mandatory; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)&(b): It is a known fact that Western countries are conducting research on Indian Herbs including, Bhumi Amalaki (Phyllanthus amarus), Nimba (Azadirachta indica) & Haridra (Curcuma longa) etc.

(c)to(e): The World Health Organization (WHO) has issued general guidelines for methodologies on research and evaluation of traditional medicines & Traditional Medicines Strategy for the member countries. WHO is not a mandatory body. Their permission is not required for conducting any research.